

Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2019

Present: Katherine Giannone, Johanna Bishop, Diane Glenn

Human Trafficking Awareness Month (January). Review of activities sponsored by the HTICC. Committee members present went over the January, 2019 activities/events that took place in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

A proclamation signing ceremony was held in Governor Carney's office. A great turnout followed by resolutions that were both passed in the House of Representatives and Senate Chambers. Dr. Brower and Judge Jurden accepted on behalf of the HTICC.

Dr. Brower wrote an opinion/editorial piece on human trafficking awareness. It was published by the Delaware Health and Social Services in house news and it was distributed to other media outlets throughout the state.

Radio news talk show did a spot with Erin Connelly, Kate Giannone and Dr. Brower regarding sex and labor trafficking. Erin Connelly and other members of the committee did the talk shows. More information to be given at a future meeting. It was discussed to see how we could possibly use this format to continue to educate the community on human trafficking.

Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT). In working with Sivanna Croope from the Department of Transportation, bus advertisements for all buses statewide were outfitted with outside wraps and inside signage targeting human trafficking. An outside wrap on the bus did not depict the wording we would have liked, so the advertisement wrap was taken off and is to be replaced with new wording. At this time over 90 buses are traveling the state with public awareness advertisements.

Discussion/Review of Public Awareness Materials. Members of the committee took time to review information and materials that would be used on display tables at events, fairs, conferences. The committee agreed that there should be a box of materials held in each county with the identical information. When someone is scheduled to do an event, the box will be given to them. It was further discussed that there are no funds at this time to either purchase materials or to reproduce information to hand out. Diane Glenn will speak to Diana Suchodolski to see if DHSS can help with reproduction of materials or any financial assistance. Will also see if DHSS has any give away materials. .

Information discussed to be a part of materials to present are: violence wheel, 800 number for POLARIS, labor and sex trafficking indicators and resources, myths/misconceptions and risks. Kate Giannone will also review her power point presentation to see what materials she has to put as part of a display. She will send along to Diane Glenn. Also spoke about making sure to have information and materials on display from other helping nonprofits or state agencies as well.

Public Awareness Events: Erin Connelly has let the members know of two different events that are happening where we would be able to possibly display information. Brecknock Park in Dover is holding a community day event on June 8, 2019 (Kate Giannone will be managing the table at this event) and the other is at the Delaware State Fair. Erin has made contact with Governor's Office and as more information is available she will pass along so that we may schedule volunteers. It was also discussed that a table and other display materials are needed to manage a proper display at events. Diane Glenn will follow up with Dr. Brower and Diana Suchodolski. Red Sand Event was also discussed and a date and location will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Website Design: It was discussed that the HTICC has been unable to move forward with any updating to the website. Discussion has been ongoing and we are in a waiting mode for changes and updates. Discussed how a Facebook page may be helpful to run public awareness campaign. It would be set up as a no comment page but we could post upcoming events, trainings and use this as a platform to make people aware that human trafficking does exist in Delaware.

Announcements:

Human Trafficking Conference sponsored by Wilmington University is scheduled for June 12 & 13, 2019 in New Castle County. For more information please go to:

Next Meeting

Date of the Public Awareness and Prevention Committee will be held on May29, 2019 in New Castle County at Wilmington University. Room to be determined.